Amendment to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings, of claims in this application:

1. (Currently Amended) A support assembly for a vehicle ~~of the type that includes~~ with an enclosed load carrying compartment having a roof, said support assembly being adapted to provide support for a person when moving about on said roof, said support assembly ~~including~~ comprising:

a guide that is mountable on said roof;

a base ~~that is~~ adapted to engage said guide and ~~which is~~ capable of movement along said guide while remaining engaged therewith; and

a support structure that includes a first portion that is pivotally connected to said base and at least one of a second portion or a handle that is spaced from said base, and a lock for selectively locking said support structure in a desired attitude relative to said base.

2. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] support assembly ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 1, wherein said lock includes a lock actuator for selectively engaging and disengaging the lock.

3. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] support assembly ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 2, wherein said lock actuator is located on said handle.

4. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] support assembly ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 1, wherein said lock is adapted to engage discrete locations on the base and wherein said discrete locations coincide with different attitudes of inclination of said support structure relative to said base.

5. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] support assembly ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 1, ~~wherein there is also provided~~ further comprising a braking means, mounted on said support assembly, for ~~checking~~ controlling movement of said base along said guide.

6. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] support assembly ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 5, wherein said braking means includes a brake actuator for selectively actuating said braking means.

7. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] support assembly ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 6, wherein said brake actuator is located on said handle.

8. (Currently Amended) A vehicle including:

an enclosed load carrying compartment having a roof;

a guide that is mountable on said roof; a base ~~that is~~ adapted to engage said guide and ~~which is~~ capable of movement along said guide while remaining engaged therewith; and

a support structure that includes a first portion that is pivotally connected to said base and at least one of a second portion or a handle ~~that is~~ spaced from said base, and a lock for selectively locking said support structure in a desired attitude relative to said base, and wherein ~~use,~~ a person ~~may grasp hold of~~ holds said handle or said second portion for at least one of a support [[and/]] or to move said base along said guide while walking on said roof.

9. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] vehicle ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 8, wherein said lock includes a lock actuator for selectively engaging and disengaging the lock.

10. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] vehicle ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 9, wherein said lock actuator is located on said handle.

11. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] vehicle ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 8, wherein said lock is adapted to engage discrete locations on the base and wherein said discrete locations coincide with different attitudes of inclination of said support structure relative to said base.

12. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] vehicle ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 8, ~~wherein there is also provided~~ further comprising a braking means, mounted on said support assembly, for ~~checking~~ controlling movement of said base along said guide.

13. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] vehicle ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 12, wherein said braking means includes a brake actuator for selectively actuating said braking means.

14. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] vehicle ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 13, wherein said brake actuator is located on said handle.

15–16. (Cancelled).

17. (Currently Amended) ~~In still yet another aspect, this invention relates to a~~ A support assembly~~, said support assembly including~~ comprising:

a guide;

a base ~~that is~~ adapted to engage said guide and ~~which is~~ capable of movement along said guide while remaining engaged therewith; and

a support structure that includes a first portion that is pivotally connected to said base and at least one of a second portion or a handle ~~that is~~ spaced from said base, and a lock for selectively locking said support structure in a desired attitude relative to said base.

18. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] support assembly ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 17, wherein said lock includes a lock actuator for selectively engaging and disengaging the lock.

19. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] support assembly ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 18, wherein said lock actuator is located on said handle.

20. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] support assembly ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 17, wherein said lock is adapted to engage discrete locations on the base and wherein said discrete locations coincide with different attitudes of inclination of said support structure relative to said base.

21. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] support assembly ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 17, ~~wherein there is also provided~~ further comprising a braking means, mounted on said support assembly, for ~~checking~~ controlling movement of said base along said guide.

22. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] support assembly ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 21, wherein said braking means includes a brake actuator for selectively actuating said braking means.

23. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] support assembly ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 22, wherein said brake actuator is located on said handle.

24. (Currently Amended) A structure having an elevated support surface ~~that is~~ capable of supporting a person moving about on same, said structure ~~including~~ comprising:

a guide ~~that is~~ mountable on the elevated support surface;

a base ~~that is~~ adapted to engage said guide and ~~which is~~ capable of movement along said guide while remaining engaged therewith; and

a support structure that includes a first portion that is pivotally connected to said base and at least one of a second portion or a handle ~~that is~~ spaced from said base, and a lock for

selectively locking said support structure in a desired attitude relative to said base, and wherein [[use, a]] the person ~~may grasp hold of~~ holds said handle or said second portion for at least for one of a support ~~and /~~ or to move said base along said guide while moving about on the elevated support surface.

25. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] structure ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 24, wherein said lock includes a lock actuator for selectively engaging and disengaging the lock.

26. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] structure ~~as claimed in~~ of claim [[35]] 25, wherein said lock actuator is located on said handle.

27. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] structure ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 24, wherein said lock is adapted to engage discrete locations on the base and wherein said discrete locations coincide with different attitudes of inclination of said support structure relative to said base.

28. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] structure ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 24, ~~wherein there is also provided~~ further comprising a braking means, mounted on said support assembly, for ~~checking~~ controlling movement of said base along said guide.

29. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] structure ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 28, wherein said braking means includes a brake actuator for selectively actuating said braking means.

30. Currently Amended) The [[A]] structure ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 29, wherein said brake actuator is located on said handle.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (New) A method for operating a support assembly on a structure having an elevated surface capable of supporting a person moving about on same, the structure comprising a guide mountable on the support surface, a base adapted to engage the guide and capable of movement along said guide while remaining engaged therewith, and a support structure including a first portion that is pivotally connected to the base and a handle with a link spaced away from the based, a lock on the handle for selectively locking the support structure in a desired attitude relative to said base, and a braking means for selectively locking the base in a desired position relative to said guide, the method comprising the steps of:

securing a harness with at least a clap to a person;

securing the at least a clap to the link on the handle;

grasping the handle;

grasping the lock for pivotally disengaging the support structure from the base;

pivoting the support structure to a different attitude relative to said base;

releasing the lock for securing the support structure at the different attitude;

engaging the braking means to release the base in relation to the guide;

moving the base in relation to the guide; and

disengaging the braking means to secure the base in relation to the guide.

33. (New) The method for operating a support assembly of claim 32, wherein the structure further comprises a ladder adjacent to the support surface, and wherein the method further comprises the steps of climbing the ladder before the step of securing the claps, and the step of stepping of the ladder onto the support surface before the step of disengaging the braking means.

34. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein the elevated support surface is a roof.

35. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein a stop is mounted on the guide, and wherein the method further comprises the step of abutting the base against the stop to enable the person for climbing down the ladder while the support assembly is at a preferred position.

36. (New) A support assembly comprising:

a guide;

a base adapted to engage said guide and capable of movement along said guide while remaining engaged therewith;

a support structure that includes a first portion that is pivotally connected to said base and a second portion and a handle spaced from said base, and a link for attaching a clap on a harness for securing a person wearing the harness to the support assembly.

37. (New) The support assembly of claim 36, further comprising a braking means on said base for controlling movement of the base along the guide.

38. (New) The support assembly of claim 37, wherein the braking means includes a brake actuator.

39. (New) The support assembly of claim 22, wherein the brake actuator is located on the handle.

40. (New) A support assembly comprising:

a base;

a support structure with a first portion pivotally connected to the base and at least one of a second portion and a handle spaced from said base; and

a lock for selectively locking said support structure in a desired attitude relative to said base.

41. (New) The support assembly of claim 40, wherein the lock includes a lock actuator for selectively engaging and disengaging the lock.

42. (New) The support assembly of claim 41, wherein the lock actuator is located on the handle.

43. (New) The support assembly of claim 40, wherein the lock is adapted to engage discrete locations on the base and wherein the discrete locations coincide with different attitudes of inclination of the support structure relative to the base.

44. (New) The support assembly of claim 40, further comprising a braking means, mounted on the support assembly, for controlling movement of said base.

45. (New) The support assembly of claim 44, wherein said braking means includes a brake actuator for selectively actuating the braking means.

46. (New) A structure having an elevated support surface capable of supporting a person moving about on same, said structure comprising:

a base adapted to engage a guide mountable on the elevated support surface, the base capable of movement along said guide while remaining engaged therewith; and

a support structure that includes a first portion that is pivotally connected to said base and at least one of a second portion and a handle spaced from said base, and a lock for selectively locking said support structure in a desired attitude relative to said base,

wherein the base includes a clamping means with at least a clamping member with an inner surface for engaging the guide.

47. (New) The structure of claim 46, wherein the inner surface includes a pad.

48. (New) The structure of claim 46, wherein the clamping means is a pair of clamping arms connected midway by a coiled spring.

49. (New) The structure of claim 46, wherein the guide is made of a square shaped traverse cross-section.

50. (New) The structure of claim 46, wherein the base includes wheels on the inner surface.

51. (New) A guide rail mountable on an elevated support surface of a structure capable of supporting a person moving about on same, said guide rail comprising:

an elongate piece with opposing ends attached longitudinally along the elevated support surface connected thereto with a plurality of connectors, wherein each connector includes a first part attached to the elongated piece and a mounting plate for attachment to the elevated support surface;

at least two stops at the opposing ends of the elongated piece; and

a base with a channel for longitudinally travel along the elongated piece, and to stop at the stops at the opposing ends along the elongated piece.

52. (New) The guide rail of claim 51, wherein the elevated support surface is a roof.

53. (New) The guide rail of claim 52, wherein the elongated piece is a steel section having a generally square shaped transverse cross-section.

54. (New) The guide rail of claim 51, wherein the stops are made of bent plate.

55. (New) The guide rail of claim 51, wherein each connector further comprises a mounting plate made of opposing flanges and a bolting means.

56. (New) The guide rail of claim 51, wherein the base includes a braking means.

57. (New) The guide rail of claim 51, wherein the base includes a clamping means with at least a clamping member with an inner surface for engaging the elongated piece.

58. (New) The structure of claim 57, wherein the inner surface includes a pad.

59. (New) The structure of claim 57, wherein the clamping means is a pair of clamping arms connected midway by a coiled spring.

60. (New) The structure of claim 57, wherein the base includes wheels on the inner surface.